Leicester, January 8. 1847.

My dear Sir,

Yours of Oct. 13th has too long remained unacknowledged & unanswered. I thank you for all the kind interest you express in my welfare and my future course. I hope you and your family are all well and happy, and we all with you (though a little behind the time) a very Happy New-Year. You are busy, of course, and I hope feel that your labours are not wholly unrequited. I trust you see some fruit maturing, other forming. Don't those sapient Syracusans, who whilom spent so much patriotic breath in defence of Annexation and the War, begin to feel shabby & ashamed? I should think they would "feel cheap", & look so too, when they meet you in the street.

You have probably noticed, by "Chr. World," (where G. G. C. thought it good to trumpet it) that I have undertaken the supply of the Brooklyn (Ct.) pulpit, for a season! I should be glad to know what you think of this. I had intended to have written you about it, before this; but I can tell you now, briefly, how the case stands. Several months ago, I rec'd. a letter from Dr. W., suggesting to me that they wd. like to have me for their minister; & if it would "be of any use" to apply to me, they would do so formally. Early in October, Dr. W. came up to ~~Hor~~ Leicester to talk with me about it. I was not willing to do or say anything which might prejudice Mr. Snow's interest, or seem like crowding

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him from his place; moreover, I felt that Brooklyn, though
in many accounts ~~a very~~ it would be a very pleasant field
of residence for me, is not the place to which I should choose to remove -
the objection to it growing out of the want of suitable schools for
my two ~~dear~~ children. — With regard to Mr. Snow, the Dr
assured me that the term, for which he was engaged at Brooklyn,
would soon expire, i.e. with the end of the year; and the
Committee had decided against re-engaging him.

After thinking the matter over, I wrote to Dr. W. that, if
the Society should like such an arrangement, I would take
the supply from 1st January for 3 or 4 months — on condition
that residence in Brooklyn, during the whole time, should not
be necessary. I thought it not best to remove my family there
for so short a time, and shut up our house at Leicester. To
this they assented, and so the affair was settled. I commenced
preaching there last Sunday to a very good audience, both as to
numbers, and interest manifested. In the evening there was a
social meeting at the house of Mr. Charles Williams (son, I think
I was told, of Nathl. Williams) at which 22 or 23 were present, and
the meeting good. We laid out some plans for future meetings.
I have an invitation to give a Lecture on Capital Punishments
at Canterbury a week from next Sunday eve'g. — Old Mr.
Nathan Witter was at the meeting at Mr. Williams's. — It must be
pleasant to you ~~&~~ to know how precious, and how fresh, ~~the~~ is
the memory of your labours in Brooklyn, and of yourself.

I feel that, whenever I leave Leicester, I ought to go to a
place where the opportunities for educating my children will be
certainly not inferior to those possessed here; indeed, I am very far

from being satisfied with those here. This feeling will deter me from settling at B., as they appear to wish very much that I would. — I have feared that my going there, for 3 or 4 months, might make them somewhat uneasy under a future minister who was not really interested, & determined to "speak out" on Anti-Slavery, and all its kindred subjects. What think you, as to this? I told Dr. W. that, at any time, within the 3 months, if they heard of a minister who wd. settle with them, ~~I would~~ they were at full liberty to engage him; I would not insist on staying out the time. — I expect to enjoy my engagements with them. I shall be there (probably) nearly or quite every Sunday, and occasionally (say every 3d week) shall pass a week there. My home is to be at Dr. W.'s. They were all well there; and spoke much of you & your family. Mr. & Mrs. Spalding enjoyed their journey West & their visit at Syracuse highly.

The Anti-Slavery Fair in Boston was splendid and succesful. Total receipts — about $4500. My wife assisted Mrs. Follen at her table. My mother also had a table, and went, every one of the ~~last~~ ten days, to Faneuil Hall at 9 o'clk. A.M., & staid till 10 P.M., taking dinner & tea there — save the last day, when she came home ~~at~~ to dinner, finishing her term of service. She is now making us a visit, and wishes me to, ~~thank~~ convey her thanks to you for the Sermon you sent her. We all send love to you all. Your Sermon on the Women attracts considerable notice, I see. If you sent me a copy, I did not receive it. If you have one to spare, will you send it, on receiving this? I must close, with much love —

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